

MINUTES

OF THE

FOURTH SESSION

OF THE

Columbia River Conference

OF THE

Methodist Episcopal Church.

HELD AT

BOISE CITY, IDAHO TERRITORY.

AUGUST 16th to 19th, 1877.

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JOURNAL.

The Columbia River Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, commenced its Fourth Annual Session in the Methodist Episcopal Church, Boise City, Idaho Territory, Thursday, August 16th, 1877, at 9 o'clock, A. M.

At the appointed hour, Thomas Bowman, the Presiding Bishop, took the chair and opened the Session with suitable Scripture lesson; the congregation joined in singing the 406th hymn, beginning—

“And are we yet alive;”

after which, the Conference was led at the Throne of Grace by Father Wilbur.

The Secretary of the last Session called the roll, and the following brethren answered to their names :

J. H. Wilbur, H. K. Hines, H. Caldwell, D. G. Strong, E. Hayes, E. R. Hawn, G. W. Grannis, J. McKean, S. L. Burrill, J. W. Kuykendall, A. J. Joslyn, W. T. Koontz.

On motion, the Conference proceeded to elect their Secretary by ballot.

The Bishop appointed D. G. Strong as teller.

The vote was counted as follows :

D. G. Strong.....	9
G. W. Granniss.....	2

D. G. Strong having received a majority of all the votes cast, Bishop Bowman declared him duly elected Secretary.

OFFICERS OF THE CONFERENCE.

THOMAS BOWMAN, - - PRESIDING BISHOP

DANIEL G. STRONG, - - - SECRETARY

WM. G. SIMPSON, } ASSISTANT SECRETARIES
ANDREW J. JOSLYN, }

Rev. Brothers Gallagher, of the United Brethren Church, and Boyd, of the Presbyterian Church, and Hon. J. W. Brown, of Idaho City, were severally introduced to the Conference.

The Bishop announced that he was in possession of a circular from the book agents, which was read, and referred to the Board of Stewards.

The "*Tenth Question*" of the General Minutes was taken up, viz :

"Was the character of each Preacher examined?" As the districts were severally called, the Presiding Elders made reports of their various districts, except S. G. Havermale, of the Walla Walla district, who was absent, and at whose request the district was represented by D. G. Strong.

The names of the effective Elders were called, and those in charge of circuits and stations reported their Missionary and Church Extension Collections for the year, and their character passed, as follows, viz :

Dalles District.—H. Caldwell, R. G. Hawn, G. W. Granniss, J. H. Wilbur.

Grand Ronde and Boise District.—H. K. Hines, E. Hayes, J. W. Kuykendall, J. McKean.

Walla Walla District.—S. G. Havermale, D. G. Strong, S. L. Burrill, J. O. Raynor.

On motion, H. K. Hines was appointed to correspond with Brother Raynor, informing him that unless he reports to the Conference during the year, his name will be dropped from our roll.

The "*Eighth Question*" of the General Minutes was taken up, viz :

"Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?" And the character of G. W. Kennedy was passed, and on motion, his relation was continued.

Father Wilbur addressed the Conference on the best method of taking our usual benevolent collections, and was followed by remarks from the Bishop.

On motion, the Secretary was instructed to appoint his own assistants, who gave notice that William G. Simpson and A. J. Joslyn were so appointed.

The Presiding Elders were appointed a Committee to nominate the usual Standing Committees.

On motion, Brothers Burrill, Wilbur, and Koontz, were added to said Committee.

The Committee reported, and their nominations were confirmed by the Conference, as follows :

Bible Cause :—Joslyn, Hawn, Kuykendall.

Church Extension :—Granniss, Burrill, McKean.

Sunday School and Tract :—Hayes, Granniss, Joslyn.

Episcopal Fund :—Koontz.

Pacific Christian Advocate :—Burrill, Wilbur, Koontz.

Indian Affairs :—Wilbur, Simpson, Joslyn.

Freedmen's Aid :—Burrill.

Woman's Foreign Missionary Society :—Granniss, Sisters Wilbur and Hayes.

Public Worship :—Hines, Simpson.

Publishing Minutes :—The Secretaries.

Board of Stewards :—Koontz, Joslyn, Granniss, Brown.

Education :—Wilbur, Burrill, Hines.

To Audit Presiding Elders Accounts :—Joslyn, Hawn, Hayes.

Temperance :—Strong, Grannis, Wilbur, Brown.

Book Account :—Simpson.

On motion, the Conference proceeded to fix the hours of meeting and adjournment, at 9 and 11-45 A. M.

Bishop Bowman introduced to the Conference, His Excellency M. Brayman, Governor of Idaho, who favored the Conference with an interesting and instructive address, in which he welcomed the Conference to the Capital of the Territory, and paid a high compliment to our work in the Territory.

second year, with the privilege of being examined on both years' course of study at the next Conference.

The "*Sixth Question*" of the General Minutes was taken up, viz :

"Who are the Deacons of the second class?" The character of Abraham Eads was passed, and he was continued a Deacon of second class, with the privilege of going before both Committees at the next Session.

The "*Seventh Question*" of the General Minutes was taken up, viz :

"Who have been elected and ordained elders this year?" When the name of G. W. Adams was called, his Presiding Elder announced that he had surrendered his parchments during the year, and requested a withdrawal from the Conference, and on motion, his request was granted, and his parchments were filed with the Secretary of the Conference.

W. T. Koontz was reported as having passed a satisfactory examination on the required course of study, his character passed, and on motion, he was elected to Elder's orders.

When the name of Andrew J. Joslyn was called, he requested the Conference to appoint a Committee to examine into certain charges which were presented against him, and on motion, the chair appointed J. H. Wilbur, E. Hayes, and S. L. Burrill said Committee.

The character of T. Pearne and G. Waters was passed, and on motion, they were continued as Deacons of the second class.

The "*Fourth Question*" of the General Minutes was taken up, viz :

"Who are admitted into full connection?" and Brother William G. Simpson, who had been two years on trial, was called forward to the chancel of the Church and examined in open Conference by Bishop Bowman. He was reported as having passed a satisfactory examination on the course of study for the second year, his character passed, and on motion, he was admitted into full connection, and elected to Deacon's orders.

Notices were given, the doxology sung, and the Conference adjourned with the benediction by Bishop Bowman.

FRIDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock, }
August 17th, 1877. }

Conference met at the appointed hour, Bishop Bowman in the chair.

The usual devotional exercises were conducted by E. Hayes.

The Journal of yesterday was read and amended, as follows:

Committee on Missions:—The Presiding Elders, and Brothers Burrill, Wilbur and Koontz, after which they were approved.

The Secretary announced that he was in possession of letters and accounts from the editor of the *Pacific Advocate*. The accounts were referred to the Committee on Book Account, and the letter was read and referred to Committee on the *Pacific Advocate*.

On motion the Chair was instructed to appoint a Committee of five (5) on the Dalles Mission Claim, and the following brethren were appointed said Committee: J. H. Wilbur, H. Caldwell, H. K. Hines, D. G. Strong, J. W. Kuykendall.

H. K. Hines presented a report from the trustees of the "Blue Mountain University," which was referred to the Committee on Education.

On motion, Bro. J. McKean was elected treasurer of the Conference Missionary Society.

The "*Tenth Question*" of the General Minutes was resumed, and T. Hoagland and W. G. Shaffer, from the Walla Walla district, and J. C. Kirkman, from the Dalles District, reported their collections by proxy, and their characters severally passed.

The "*Third Question*" of the General Minutes was taken up, viz:

"Who remain on trial?" The character of M. S. Anderson was passed, and he was continued on trial in the class of the

The Committee on Sunday School and Tract presented their report, which was read and approved. (See report II.)

The Committee on Church Extension presented their report, which was read and approved. (See report III.)

The Committee on Freedmen's Aid presented their report, which was read and approved. (See report IV.)

The "*Seventh Question*" of the General Minutes was resumed, and the Committee appointed to inquire into the charges alleged against Brother Joslyn reported that they found no cause of complaint.

The Committee reported that he passed a satisfactory examination on the required course of study, and having reported his Missionary and Church Extension Collections, was, on motion, elected to Elder's orders.

The Committee on Indian Affairs presented their report, which was read, and pending its adoption, Father Wilbur addressed the Conference, and answered several important questions propounded by the President of the Conference and others, concerning the practical working of the present Indian policy. (See report V.)

The Committee on Bible Cause presented their report, which was read and approved. (See report 6.)

The Committee on *Pacific Christian Advocate* presented a report, which was read, and pending its adoption, addresses were made by Brothers Hines and Wilbur. (See report VII.)

The "*Second Question*" of the General Minutes was taken up, and Richard Barrett came duly recommended from the La Grande Quarterly Conference; was reported as having passed a satisfactory examination, and, on motion, he was admitted on trial.

The Board of Stewards presented their report, which was read and adopted. (See report VIII.)

On motion, the Secretaries were instructed to publish the minutes and draw upon the Presiding Elders according to a *pro rata* of the membership.

The "*Nineteenth Question*" of the General Minutes was taken up, viz :

"Have any Local Preachers been ordained?" And Brother Richard Barrett came duly recommended from the Grand Ronde and Boise district. He was reported as having passed a satisfactory examination on the course of study, was introduced to the Conference by Bishop Bowman, and, on motion, was elected to Deacon's orders.

On motion of D. G. Strong, the Pastor at Walla Walla, and Brother McGee, of the Waitsburg charge, were appointed fraternal delegates to the Columbia Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, convening at Walla Walla, September 12th, 1877.

On motion, the Conference adjourned, notices were given, the doxology sung, and the benediction pronounced by Brother G. C. Allender.

SATURDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock, {
August 18th, 1877. }

Conference met pursuant to adjournment. Bishop Bowman in the chair.

The usual religious exercises were conducted by G. W. Grannis.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

On motion, Brother Wilbur was excused from Committee on the Dalles Mission Claim, and the name of G. W. Grannis was substituted.

The Bishop announced that the Conference was authorised to draw upon the Chartered Fund to the amount of thirty dollars, and on motion, the order was drawn in favor of the Board of Stewards.

The Committee on the "Woman's Foreign Missionary Society" presented their report, which was read and approved. (See report I.)

SATURDAY EVENING, 3 o'clock, }
August 18th, 1877. }

Conference met pursuant to adjournment. Bishop Bowman in the chair.

The usual religious services were conducted by J. W. Kuykendall.

The Journal of the Morning's Session was read and approved.

On motion, the action of this Morning's Session in reference to the publication of Minutes, was reconsidered, and on the call of the roll, two hundred and thirty-one (231) were ordered, and the brethren subscribed forty-six dollars (\$46 00) for printing the same.

The "*Second Question*" of the General Minutes was resumed, and J. D. Flenner came duly recommended from the Kenton District Conference of the Central Ohio Annual Conference; he was reported as having passed a satisfactory examination on the required course of study, and on motion, was admitted on trial.

The Committee on Temperance presented their report, which was read and approved. (See report IX.)

The Committee on Education presented their report, which was read, and pending its adoption, the Conference was addressed by Rev. H. K. Hines, agent of the "Blue Mountain University." (See report X.)

The Committee on the Dalles Mission Claim presented their report, which was read, and pending its adoption, the Conference was addressed by Father Wilbur. (See report XI.)

The Committee on Missions presented their report, which was read. (See report XII.)

The Auditing Committee presented their report, which was read and approved. (See report XIII.)

The "*Sixteenth Question*" of the General Minutes was taken up, viz:

On motion, 500 copies were ordered to be printed.

On motion, the Funds of the Conference Claimants were ordered to be placed in the hands of the President of the Board of Stewards, to be funded.

On motion, Brother Hines was elected Conference Historian, and the Presiding Elders were requested to present the reports of their districts, in writing, to be filed with the Conference Historian.

On motion, the Conference proceeded to fix the place for the next Session, and Fort Simcoe, Dayton, and Pendleton were placed in nomination, and Dayton was fixed upon as the place for the Session.

On motion, it was resolved, that when we adjourn, we adjourn to meet at 3 o'clock.

Bishop Bowman presented the following list of Committees of Examination for next year, namely: *To examine Candidates for Admission on Trial*—The Presiding Elders:

<i>First Year</i>	J. McKean, W. T. Koontz.
<i>Second Year</i>	A. J. Joslyn, J. W. Kuykendall.
<i>Third Year</i>	E. Hayes, S. L. Burrill.
<i>Fourth Year</i>	G. W. Granniss, J. C. Kirkman.

To examine Local Preachers for Ordination.—R. G. Hawn.

To Preach the Annual Missionary Sermon.—J. McKean.

The chair presented nominations for Triers of Appeals, and they were approved, as follows: H. K. Hines, J. H. Wilbur, D. G. Strong, W. T. Koontz, S. L. Burrill, J. McKean

The Chair presented nominations for the Conference Board of Church Extension, and the were approved, as follows, namely:

<i>President</i>	D. G. Strong, Walla Walla, W. T.
<i>Vice-President</i>	J. L. Reeser, Walla Walla, W. T.
<i>Recording Secretary</i>	B. F. Burch, Walla Walla, W. T.
<i>Corresponding Secretary</i>	A. J. Joslyn, Dayton, W. T.
<i>Treasurer</i>	C. Moore, Walla Walla, W. T.
<i>Additional Members</i>	S. L. Burrill, A. B. Robley, T. Hoagland.

On motion, the Conference adjourned, notices were given, the doxology sung, and the benediction pronounced by Brother Richard Barrett.

On motion, the Conference adjourned until after the Ordination of Elders, Sabbath evening, when, after the reading of the appointments, it should stand adjourned *sine die* without further action.

SABBATH EVENING,
August 19th, 1877 }

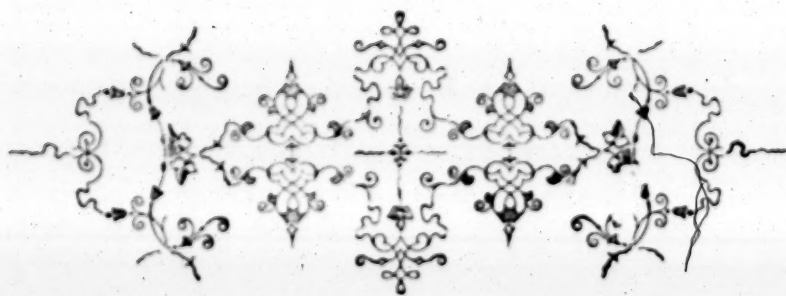
Bishop Bowman addressed the Conference and read the appointments, (see Appendix A,) and these devoted ministers of our Lord Jesus went forth to the work of their Master.

(Signed),

THOMAS BOWMAN, *President.*

(Signed),

D. G. STRONG, *Secretary.*



"What is the Statistical Report?" And the Secretary read an abstract of the Statistical Table. (See Statistical Table.)

On motion, the following resolution was adopted, viz :

"That the Presiding Elders be directed to pay two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) of the Missionary appropriation to the Preachers at the beginning of each quarter, retaining the balance for settlement at the Quarterly Conference."

The following complimentary resolutions were passed, viz :

I. "That our hearty thanks are due, and are hereby tendered to the citizens of Boise City, who have so kindly and hospitably entertained us during our Conference Session."

II. "That the thanks of this Conference are due, and are hereby tendered to our beloved Bishop, Thomas Bowman, D. D., for the genial and christian spirit, as well as the wisdom and prudence with which he has presided over our deliberations, and that it would give us great pleasure to welcome his return as often as the interests of the general supervision will admit."

III. "That our thanks are due, and are hereby tendered to our Brothers, H. K. Hines and William G. Simpson, for their constant and indefatigable efforts in ministering to our comfort and happiness during our sojourn at the seat of the Conference."

The "*Eleventh Question*" of the General Minutes was taken up, viz:

"Have any located?" And H. Caldwell was granted a location at his own request.

The Bishop presented the following Certificates of Ordination :

"This is to certify, that on the 19th day of August, 1877, at Boise City, Idaho Territory, I ordained the following brethren as Deacons in the Church of God, viz:

"WILLIAM G. SIMPSON.

"RICHARD BARRETT, (Local.)

(Signed),

THOMAS BOWMAN."

This certifies that on the 19th day of August, 1877, at Boise City, Idaho Territory, assisted by several Elders, I ordained the following brethren Elders in the Church of God, viz:

WILLIAM T. KOONTZ.

ANDREW J. JOSLYN.

(Signed),

THOMAS BOWMAN.

they receive from the North in enabling them to obtain an education and hear the Gospel. In our Freedman's Aid Society we have undertaken to supply a part of this help, and as members of the Columbia River Conference, we pledge ourselves to do our duty in this matter.

The amount collected for this Society, in the bounds of the Conference, for this year, and forwarded to the proper authorities, is \$27 25.

S. L. BURRILL, Chairman.

V. ON INDIAN AFFAIRS.

Your Committee to whom was referred the Indian Work report as follows:

The Yakima Agency has been under the management of the Methodist Episcopal Church for about fifteen years, and since June, 1864, most of the time Rev. James H. Wilbur has been the Agent. Under his steady and prudent management, the Indians of the Agency have made rapid progress towards Christianization and civilization.

Many of the good results are apparent in their personal cleanliness, their dress, houses, furniture, farms and farming implements, horses and wagons, harness, schools and churches. This class of Indians are exerting a salutary influence upon the Yakima Nation, and teaching them in language they cannot misunderstand, the advantages they have gained in abandoning their roving habits, making themselves farms and homes, enriching themselves with stock and the products of the soil.

The proposition to turn over the Indian Bureau to the War Department, which at different times has been before Congress, has been watched with deep solicitude by all who desire the amelioration of the condition of the Indians.

If it be said the present system is *faulty*, is *expensive*, it becomes a question worthy of careful consideration, whether or not, in the hands of the War Department, the service would be less *faulty*, less *expensive* or more *effectual* of the result sought.

It is the opinion of your Committee, that the present policy, as it enlists the sympathy, prayers and support of the good of all denominations in helping those fallen ones, gives stronger assurances of improvement, physical, mental, moral and financial, to the Indians of the nation, than any other system that can be adopted.

The practical working of the Yakima Agency convinces us that with good land such as white men settle upon, with good practical business and Christian men as Agents and employers, and a small appropriation of money to purchase seeds and tools to help them to get a start, all the Indians of the nation may be made self-supporting.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES H. WILBUR, Chairman.

REPORTS.

I. WOMAN'S F. M. SOCIETY.

WHEREAS, This Society has for its object the elevation of women in heathen lands; therefore,

Resolved, That we present to our people the claims of this Society, and do our utmost to bring creditable reports for the maintenance of its work from all of our fields.

Resolved, That we recommend the organization of Branch Societies within the bounds of this Conference, in order that we may be placed in communication with the Parent Board, as at present we are without information as to their actual wants or work.

G. W. GRANNISS, Chairman.

II. ON SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TRACTS.

We regard the Sunday School as the Nursery of the Church, and believe that, as Ministers, we should do our best to organize and maintain Sunday Schools upon all of our charges and at every place where we find it practicable.

We regard the diffusion of religious literature as a very important part of our work, and find nothing so convenient for general distribution as Tracts.

E. HAYES, Chairman.

III. ON CHURCH EXTENSION.

WHEREAS, The Church Extension Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, under the efficient management of Doctors Kynett and McCabe, is accomplishing a noble work for the cause of Christ, as is shown by their annual report, therefore

Resolved, That we as servants of the church, give them our earnest co-operation, by presenting to our respective charges, the claims of this important department of church work and take in all of our congregations the collection required by the discipline.

G. W. GRANNISS, Chairman.

IV. ON FREEDMAN'S AID.

The Freedmen of the south are destined at no distant day to become a large and important part of our population. Whether they shall be an element of strength or of weakness to our government depends largely upon the help

IX. ON TEMPERANCE.

WHEREAS, Great interest is now being manifested in the temperance cause through the nation, and there is pressing need of a revival in this cause, in the bounds of this conference.

Resolved, That we encourage any and all efforts that tend in this direction.

G. W. GRANNIS, Chairman.

X. ON EDUCATION.

The only school with which, as a Conference, we have any identification is the Blue Mountain University. The Trustees of that institution have presented their annual report, the most of which we embody and adopt as a part of our own. They state that the school during the past year has been in successful progress under J. L. Carter, Professor of Natural Sciences, and acting President; Mrs. E. J. Hines, Preceptress; Mrs. Nettie Kelly, Primary Department; assisted as necessity required, by Prof. J. L. Ronce and Miss Rebecca Stevenson. One hundred and twenty-five students have been in attendance during the year some of whom will soon be through the preparatory and ready to enter college classes. We consider this, in view of the fact that only two years ago classes were organized out of the public schools, as creditable as could reasonably be expected. We shall greatly need, before winter, two more school-rooms and a chapel completed, but are not sure that we shall be able to accomplish it. We estimate that it will cost \$1,500 to do this, and we have resolved to carry forward the work only as we can procure means to do so, and not to increase the indebtedness above \$5,000, that being its present amount. We directed the Agent to circulate a subscription made payable on the actual signature of \$1,000 per year for five years, which has been partially done with good promises of obtaining the entire amount by the first of November. We feel that we have undertaken a work that requires steady, persevering effort for many years, with all the sympathy and encouragement your body can give. We want your words of sympathy at home and abroad. We want your active co-operation in encouraging students to attend it. We want your aid in raising means to complete and furnish the building. We want your prayers for the success of this enterprise—ours and yours. We nominate the following persons as Trustees to serve for three years:

John T. Gamblet, L. J. Rouse, Rev. D. G. Strong, Wm. Proebstell, Rev. E. Hayes and Peter Kuhn.

We cordially second the desire of the Trustees for the success of the Institution, and are ready to pledge ourselves to give it our aid in "words of sympathy," "in active co-operation in encouraging students to attend it," and "in raising means to complete and furnish the building."

Collections to the amount of \$15.00 have been taken, which we recommend to be paid to the Blue Mountain University.

We nominate Rev. E. Hayes, M. Baker, Esq., Rev. W. T. Koontz and W. T. Wright, as Visiting Committee.

J. H. WILBUR, Chairman.

VI. ON BIBLE CAUSE.

In view of the great good being accomplished by the American Bible Society, and the indications of Divine approval of its efforts to circulate the Holy Scriptures among the people; and that as Methodists, the word of God "is the only and sufficient rule both of our faith and practice;" and that the knowledge of the Holy Scriptures is calculated to make the people "wise unto salvation" through faith in Christ Jesus, therefore

Resolved 1st, That we as members of the Columbia River Conference tender to the American Bible Society our warmest sympathy, and pledge to it our most hearty co-operation.

Resolved 2d, That we will do what we can to circulate the word of God among the people of our different charges.

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. JOSLYN, Chairman.

VII. ON THE PACIFIC CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE.

From official statements we find:

Income for the present year	\$5,500 90
Expenditure	6,471 96
Resources	\$2,929 22
Liabilities	\$1,579 78
Circulation	1,010

It will be seen that there is an excess of expenditure over the receipts of \$971 06.

The editor thinks that, with proper management, the paper could be sustained with \$100 more than has been paid this year for advertising and paper, and that both subscription and advertising can be increased. In view of these facts, we recommend the passage of the following:

Resolved, That as a Conference we desire the prosperity of the paper, and if it can be so managed as to pay expenses, we will most heartily support it; if not we advise that it be closed up at once.

S. L. BURRILL, Chairman.

VIII. FROM THE BOARD OF STEWARDS.

We have received:

From Circuits and Stations	\$23 00
From Chartered Fund	30 00
From the Board of Stewards of last year	105 75
Total Receipts	\$158 75

Which was funded, by order of the Conference.

W. T. KOONTZ.

APPENDIX.

(A)

APPOINTMENTS FOR 1877-78.

WALLA WALLA DISTRICT.....		D. G. STRONG, P. E.	
Walla Walla.....	D. G. Strong	Pendleton.....J. C. Kirkman	
Walla Walla Circuit.....	W. G. Shafer	Colfax.....To be supplied	
Waitsburg	T. Hoagland	Palouse.....M. S. Anderson	
Dayton	A. J. Joslyn	Spokane	S. G. Huvermale
Weston.....	S. L. Burrill	Mt. Idaho.....	J. D. Flenner
GRANDE RONDE AND BOISE DISTRICT ...		H. K. HINES, P. E.	
La Grande.....	E. Hayes	Idaho City.....	J. McKean
Union	To be supplied	Middleton.....	R. Barrett
Baker City.....	W. T. Koontz	Canyon City.....	
Payette and Weiser..	J. W. Kuykendall		G. W. Grannis and A. Eads
Boise City.....	W. G. Simpson	Ocheco and Bridgecreek	To be supplied
DALLES DISTRICT.....		J. H. WILBUR, P. E.	
The Dalles.....	R. G. Hawn	Kititas	To be supplied
Hood River.....	To be supplied	Simcoe Mission...	J. H. Wilbur,
Yakima	To be supplied		T. Pearne, Geo. Waters
Golden Dale.....			
To be supplied by G. C. Allender			

(B)

QUESTIONS OF THE GENERAL MINUTES.

QUESTION 1. *Have any entered this Conference by Transfer or re-admission?*

None.

QUESTION 2. *Who are admitted on trial?*

John D. Flenner, Richard Barrett—2

QUESTION 3. *Who remain on trial?*

M. S. Anderson.

QUESTION 4. *Who are admitted into full connection?*

Wm. G. Simpson.

QUESTION 5. *Who are the Deacons of the first class?*

Richard Barrett, Wm. G. Simpson.

XI. ON THE DALLES MISSION CLAIM.

WHEREAS, There has been a great difference of opinion between the Missionary Board and the citizens of Dalles City in regard to the value of that part of the site of that city owned by the Missionary Board, resulting in great damage to our cause at the Dalles and throughout the Oregon Conference, and

WHEREAS, We are well acquainted with the value of property in that city, therefore

Resolved, 1st, That it is our judgment that the Missionary Board should settle with the citizens of Dalles within the limits embraced in the late proposition of the Missionary Board for not more than \$15,000.

Resolved, 2d, That a copy of this paper be placed in the hands of Bishop Bowman, and he be requested to consult with the citizens of Dalles, and then communicate our action to the Missionary Board.

G. W. GRANNISS, Chairman.

XII. FROM THE COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS.

WALLA WALLA DISTRICT.

Walla Walla City	\$368 00	Colfax	130 00
Waitsburg	130 00	Palouse	100 00
Dayton	130 00	Mt. Idaho	254 00
Weston	130 00		
Pendleton	230 00	Total for Walla Walla Di't.	\$1,472 00

GRAND RONDE AND BOISE DISTRICT.

La Grande	\$275 00	Idaho City	250 00
Baker City	400 00	Ocheco and Bride Creek	150 00
Boise City	250 00	Canyon City	85 00
Middleton	200 00		
Union	175 00	Total for Grand Ronde	
Payette & Weiser	114 00	and Boise District	\$1,899 00

DALLES DISTRICT.

Dalles	\$275 00	Simcoe Indian Mission	200 00
Yakima	200 00		
Goldendale	154 00	Total for Dalles District	\$829 00
Total appropriation for 1877			\$4,200 00

D. G. STRONG, Secretary Committee.

I concur in the above.

THOMAS BOWMAN.

XIII. FROM AUDITING COMMITTEE.

We have examined the Mission Books of the Dalles, Grande Ronde and Boise Districts, and find the accounts correct. The Book belonging to the Walla Walla District has not been in the hands of the Committee, nor have we seen any statement of the account for that District.

A. J. JOSLYN, Chairman.

QUESTION 18. *What has been received on the foregoing claims, and how has it been applied?*

There has been received

From Circuits and Stations.....	23.00
From Chartered Fund.....	30.00
From Stewards of last year.....	105.75
Total.....	158.75

Which was funded.

QUESTION 19. *Where are the Preachers stationed?*

(See appendix A.)

QUESTION 20. *Where and when shall the next Conference be held?*

At Dayton, Washington Ter. Time not given.

(C)

CONFERENCE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The Anniversary of the Conference Missionary Society was held in the Methodist Church, Boise City, I. T., Aug. 18th, 1877. Rev. H. K. Hines, President, in the chair.

D. G. Strong preached the annual sermon, and appropriate addresses were made by Rev. Jeremiah McKean and Bishop Bowman.

The Treasurer read the following report: Assessed by the Parent Board, \$400; collected as follows:

WALLA WALLA DISTRICT.

Walla Walla City.....	D. G. Strong.....	\$48 10
Waitsburg.....	T. Hoagland.....	15 00
Dayton	A. J. Joslyn.....	10 00
Weston.....	S. L. Burrill.....	10 00
Pendleton.....	D. A. Crowell.....	9 00
Colfax.....	M. S. Anderson.....	11 50
Lewiston.....	G. W. Shaffer.....	8 00
Total for Walla Walla District.....		\$111 60

QUESTION 6. *Who are the Deacons of the second class?*

Abraham Eads, Thomas Pearne, Geo Waters.

QUESTION 7. *Who have been elected and ordained Elders this year?*

Andrew J. Joslyn, William T Koontz—2.

QUESTION 8. *Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?*

George W. Kennedy—1.

QUESTION 9. *Who are the Superannuated Preacher?*

None.

QUESTION 10. *Was the character of each preacher examined?*

This was strictly attended to by calling over their names before the Conference.

QUESTION 11. *Have any located?*

H. Caldwell.

QUESTION 12. *Have any withdrawn?*

George W. Adams.

QUESTION 13. *Have any been transferred, and to what Conference?*

None.

QUESTION 14. *Have any been expelled?*

None.

QUESTION 15. *Have any died.*

None.

QUESTION 16. *What is the Statistical Report?*

(See Statistical Tables.)

QUESTION 17. *What are the claims upon the Conference Fund?*

Nothing.

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**REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE CONFERENCE CHURCH
EXTENSION SOCIETY.**

NAME OF CHARGE.	Assessed	Paid.		
WALLA WALLA DISTRICT.				
Walla Walla	\$25 00	\$15 00	Deficit	\$10 00
Waitsburg.. . . .	25 00	5 00	"	20 00
Dayton	20 00	.....	"	20 00
Colfax.	5 00	15 50	Excess	10 50
Lewiston.....	15 00	4 50	Deficit	10 50
Spokan.....	5 00	.....	"	5 00
Weston.....	20 00	5 00	"	15 00
Pendleton.....	10 00	1 50	"	8 50
GRANDE RONDE AND BOISE DISTRICT.				
La Grande.....	\$20 00	\$9 00	Deficit	\$11 00
Union	15 00	.....	"	15 00
Summerville.....	15 00	2 00	"	13 00
Baker City.....	10 00	2 00	"	8 00
Willow Creek.. .	5 00	.....	"	5 00
Payette & Weiser.....	10 00	15 00	Excess,	5 00
Idaho City	20 00	15 00	Deficit,	5 00
Boise City.....	20 00	22 00	Excess,	2 00
Boise Circuit	15 00	6 00	Deficit,	9 00
Atlanta.. . . .	10 00	.....	"	10 00
THE DALLES DISTRICT.				
Dalles	\$25 00	\$2 50	Deficit,	\$22 50
Ocheco.....	10 00	.....	"	10 00
Bridge Creek.....	7 50	.....	"	7 50
Yakima.....	7 50	.....	"	7 50
Klickitat City.....	20 00	9 00	"	11 00
Canyon ...	25 00	20 00	"	5 00
Simcoe.....	40 00	28 00	"	12 00
RECAPITULATION BY DISTRICTS.				
Walla Walla.....	\$125 00	\$46 50	Deficit,	\$78 50
Grande Ronde and Boise.....	140 00	71 00	"	69 00
The Dalles.....	135 00	59 50	"	75 50
Total for Conference.....	\$400 00	\$177 00	"	\$223 00

C. MOORE, Treasurer.

GRAND RONDE AND BOISE DISTRICT.

Boise City.....	W. G. Simpson.....	\$62 45
Boise Valley Circuit.....	W. G. Simpson.....	6 00
Idaho City.....	J. McKean.....	50 00
La Grande.....	E. Hayes.....	20 00
Union.....	A. Eads.....	4 50
Baker City.....	W. T. Koontz.....	5 00
Summerville.....	J. W. Kuykendall.....	5 00
Payette & Weiser.....	G. C. Allender.....	44 00
Total for Grand Ronde and Boise District.....		\$ 196 95

DALLES DISTRICT.

The Dalles.....	R. G. Hawn.....	\$10 00
Canyon City.....	G. W. Graannis.....	60 00
Klickital.....	J. C. Kirkman.....	20 00
Simcoe.....	J. H. Wilbur.....	250 00
Total for Dalles District.....		\$340 00

Amount paid by Conference.....	.648 55
Being in excess of assessment.....	248 55

J. McKEAN, Treasurer.

The following officers for the ensuing year were then elected:

H. K. HINES.....	President.
H. CALDWELL.....	Vice-President.
W. G. SIMPSON.....	Secretary.
J. McKEAN.....	Treasurer.

W. G. SIMPSON.....Secretary.

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The Chairman of the Board of Stewards, to whom was referred the Bishop's Fund, reported as follows:

Received from Walla Walla District.....	\$28 00
“ “ Grand Ronde and Boise District.....	32 26
“ “ Dalles District.....	42 50
Took Bishop Bowman's Receipt.....	\$102 76

W. T. KOONTZ.

STATISTICS FOR LA GRANDE AND BOISE DISTRICT, COLUMBIA RIVER CONFERENCE, FOR 1877.

DALLIES DISTRICT.

Dalles.....	4	49	3	1	8	2	1	2,000	1	1,000	1	16	80	2	2	10 00	.....	10 00	.....	2 50	1 00	1 50	2 00	1 00	.....
Ocheco.....	26	56	3	.....	3	5	1	2,500	1	1,200	1	10	80	10	10	50 00	10 00	60 00	.....	20 00	7 00	5 00	10 00	10 00	.....
Canyon City.....	1	15	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	5	15	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bridge Creek.....	38	72	.....	.....	1	.....	1	500	1	400	1	6	70	.....	.....	15 00	5 00	20 00	.....	9 00	2 00	2 00	5 00	2 00	2 00
Klickitat.....	1 1/2	525	2	5	30	43	2	3,000	.....	.....	.....	6	56	.....	.....	225 00	25 00	250 00	23 00	28 00	.....	10 00	103 00	20 00	20 00
Simcoe.....	.....	20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Yakima.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Totals.....	171	758	9	6	42	50	5	\$8,000	3	\$2,600	5	43	301	12	300 00	\$40 00	\$340 00	\$27 00	\$59 50	\$10 00	\$18 50	\$120 00	\$13 00	\$21 00	

WALLA WALLA DISTRICT.

Walla Walla.....	6 00	100	1106	1050	1	13	64	30	14	20	50	13	10	2	26	25	25	6	\$2 00
Waitsburg.....	4 00	150	706	630	1	10	75	30	25	20	65	9	5	..	175	..	..	..	..
Weston.....	4 00	194	871	765	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dayton.....	5 00	..	750	750	1	4	100	40	30	30	65	6	7	3	30	..	..	6	..
Pendleton.....	3 00	35	1000	319	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Colfax.....	3 00	..	504	363	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Lewiston.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Spokane Falls.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Totals.....	\$25 00	\$479	\$1050	\$3877	3	27	239	100	69	70	180	28	22	5	\$ 231	25	25	12	\$2 00

RECAPITULATION BY DISTRICTS.

Walla Walla.....	25 00	479	1050	4937	3877	3	27	239	100	69	70	180	28	22	5	231	25	25	12	\$2 00
Dalles	42 50	1600	600	3625	3223	5	43	307	80	50	35	176	25	71	32	93	150	17	..	..
Grand Ronde and Boise	32 26	2729	3100	5570	3926	8	65	352	72	98	67	230	62	50	31	300	100	170	48	..
Totals 1877.....	99 76	4808	4750	14132	11026	16	135	898	252	217	172	586	115	143	68	624	125	345	77	\$2 00
Totals 1876.....	19 10	7425	5780	12145	7953	23	159	977	235	206	139	498	72	102	47	224	289	50	..	..
Increase	80 66	..	..	\$1987	3073	..	..	..	17	11	33	88	43	41	21	\$400	125	56	27	..
Decrease.....	..	\$2617	\$1030	..	..	7	24	79	..	..	..	..	..	..	500	..	..	..	..	..

No. II.
STATISTICS FOR LA GRANDE AND BOISE DISTRICT, COLUMBIA RIVER CONFERENCE FOR 1877.

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	COLLECTIONS, ETC.										SUNDAY SCHOOLS.										Special Collections.	
	Support of Bishops.	Building and Improving Churches and Parsonages.	Indebtedness on Churches and Parsonages.	Claims for Ministerial Support.	Receipts for Ministerial Support.	No. of Sunday Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars of all ages.	Scholars Fifteen Years old and over.	Scholars under 15, Except Infant Class.	Scholars in Infant Class.	Average Attendance of Teachers and Scholars.	Officers and Teachers who are Church Members or Probationers.	Scholars who are Church Members or Probationers.	Church Members or Probationers.	Conversions.	Library Books.	Total Expenses of School this Year.	Sunday School Classmates taken.	Sunday School Advocates taken.	Sunday School Journals taken.	Woman's Foreign M. Society.
La Grande.....	\$ 5 26	.....	.....	\$1082	\$ 811	1	14	92	25	30	37	80	23	12	12	12	.....	\$ 50	50	50	8	.....
Union.....	2 00	.....	.....	650	400	1	10	50	.....	.....	.....	40	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Summerville.....	2 75	.....	.....	600	261	2	13	55	.....	.....	.....	.....	7	9	9	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Baker City.....	3 75	\$150	\$1000	1030	642	1	7	25	7	18	.....	.....	5	4	4	.....	.....	150	.....	.....	3	.....
Willow Creek.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Payette & Weiser.....	3 00	.....	.....	925	576	1	5	20	.....	15	.....	20	13	8	8	5	100	10	.....	20	10	.....
Idaho City.....	7 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	8	50	20	10	15	45	6	5	5	.....	.....	40	50	50	19	.....
Boise City.....	8 00	2579	2100	1283	1236	1	8	60	20	25	15	45	8	12	12	11	50	50	.....	50	8	.....
Boise Valley Circuit.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Atlanta.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Totals.....	\$32 26	\$2729	\$3100	\$5570	\$3926	8	65	352	72	98	67	230	62	50	50	31	150	\$ 300	100	170	48	.....

DALLES DISTRICT.

Dalles.....	4 00	.....	.....	925	925	1	16	80	40	20	20	.....	8	.....	.....	3 400	55	.....	75	12	.....	.....
Ocheco.....	.....	.....	.....	350	350	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Canyon City.....	4 00	1600	600	1050	1050	1	10	80	40	30	10	60	5	10	10	400	20	.....	20	2	.....	.....
Bridge Creek.....	50	.....	.....	350	180	1	5	15	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Klickitat.....	4 00	.....	.....	600	400	1	6	76	.....	.....	5	60	6	35	26	9 40	18	.....	25	3	.....	.....
Simcoe.....	30 00	.....	.....	300	300	1	6	56	.....	.....	.....	56	6	.....	.....	20 75	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Yakima.....	.....	.....	.....	50	18	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Totals.....	\$42 50	\$1600	\$000	\$3625	\$3223	5	43	307	80	50	35	176	25	71	32	915	93	.....	150	17	.....	.....